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SUBJECT: Monthly catch reports of Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna

In accordance with paragraph 42 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Multi-Annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the East Atlantic and Mediterranean*, please find attached a table showing monthly catches and aggregated catch statistics based on the monthly catch reports received for the period January to April 2008.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: Summary of E-BFT catches, Jan-April 2008

Summary of monthly catch reports of Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna
January – April 2008

Fleet	Initial Quota (t)	Month	Catch (t)	% of initial Quota
Croatia	833.08	Jan	0.436	
		Feb	0	
		Mar	5.85	
		Apr	73.725	
Total			80.011	9.60
EC.	16210.75	Jan	31.99	
		Feb	16.2	
		Mar	69.7	
		Apr	314.47	
Total			432.36	29.61
Japan	2430.54	Jan	168	
		Feb	43.9	
Total			211.9	8.72
Maroc	2728.56	Mar	0.34	
		Apr	8.015	
Total			8.355	0.31
Tunisie	2254.48	Jan	3.437	
		Feb	43.947	
		Mar	204.101	
		Apr	87.28	
Total			338.765	15.03
Turkey	887.19	Jan	0.95	
		Mar	1.085	
		Apr	120	
Total			122.035	13.76
Chinese Taipei	68.71	Jan	0	
		Feb	0	
		Mar	0	
		Apr	0	
Total			0	0.00
Algerie	1460.04			
China, P.R.	63.55			
Iceland	51.53			
Korea, Republic of	171.77			
Libya	1236.74			
Norway	51.33	No BFT fishing permitted in 2008		
Syrian Arab Republic	51.33			

Note: Percentages are based on initial quotas from Rec. 06-05 and do not include possible carry-overs. Adjusted quotas may differ.